

Catch-and-release opportunities

The department recognizes that salmon retention is a high priority for many anglers. However, due to the anticipated low returns of coho, WDFW likely will have to restrict or even close some salmon fisheries, including coho and chinook fisheries. The department is considering various options in order to provide limited fishing opportunities.

The department is seeking feedback on the possibility of converting some fisheries to catch-and-release only rather than closing those fisheries.